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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE

1. FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS EXPRESSED TO POL COUNSELOR NOVEMBER 23 HIS SUPERIORS' CONCERN THAT USG HAS SO FAR PROVIDED LITTLE INFORMATION TO ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES ON PROGRESS OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE. DIRECTOR SAID THAT IF US ANNOUNCES ARRANGEMENTS PUBLICLY BEFORE INFORMING EUROPEANS PRIVATELY, ANOTHER STRAIN WILL BE PUT ON ALLIANCE AND RESULTS WILL PLAY INTO FRENCH HANDS. HE NOTED THAT PROVISION OF INFORMATION VITAL IF THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH WISH TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF US EFFORT ARE TO RESIST HARD LINE BEING TAKEN BY FRENCH.

2. MAKING POINT THAT IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FROM DOMESTIC VIEWPOINT FOR EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS NOT TO BE KEPT IN DARK, DIRECTOR POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS PREPARING ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY BY FONMIN VAN ELSLANDE ON MIDDLE EAST BEFORE PARLIAMENT NOVEMBER 27. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WE MIGHT PROVIDE, FOR BACKGROUND, INFORMATION ON CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS BEFORE SPEECH DELIVERED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. BELGIANS HAVE TRIED TO PLAY MODERATING

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ROLE IN EC-9 CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE EAST. EMBASSY BELIEVES

IT IMPORTANT FOR BELGIUM'S FUTURE ORIENTATION FOR THE USG TO BE  
FORTHCOMING TO THEIR REQUEST BY PROVIDING, AS BACKGROUND, CONFIDENTIAL

INFORMATION ON PROGRESS OF PEACE CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION, IT WOULD BE HELPFU

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IF WE COULD ASSURE BELGIANS THAT EUROPEAN ALLIES WILL BE BRIEFED  
ON CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE THEY ARE DISCLOSED PUBLICLY.  
WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE BY NOON WASHINGTON TIME  
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